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SUBJECT: GIBRALTAR

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1. MADRID NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRIED REPORTS THAT SMALL BOATS AND YACHTS REGISTERED IN GIBRALTAR HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ALGECIRAS HARBOR SINCE AUGUST 6. REPORTS SAID THIS MEASURE WAS ADOPTED SOME YEARS AGO BUT HAD NOT BEEN APPLIED SINCE LATE 1969 WHEN GOS RELAXED ENFORCEMENT AS SIGN OF GOODWILL. REPORTED PURPOSES OF APPLYING THIS MEASURE AT THIS TIME ARE TO STRENGTHEN SPANISH CONTROL OVER TRAFFIC IN DRUGS, CONTRABAND AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND INCREASE POLITICAL PRESSURE ON UK.

2. INDEPENDENT "EUROPA PRESS" NEWS AGENCY DESPATCH CARRIED ON FRONT-PAGE MADRID DAILY "ABC" SAID "POLITICAL OBSERVERS DO NOT DISCARD POSSIBILITY SPANISH AUTHORITIES  
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MAY ADOPT FUTURE LEGAL MEASURES TO DENY OTHER FACILITIES

TO WHICH ROCK HAS RECENTLY BECOME ACCUSTOMED OUTSIDE THE TREATY" (OF UTRECHT). "ABC" REPORT MENTIONS POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF BALLOONS AND EXERCISE OF OTHER "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS" WHICH WOULD NOT VIOLATE INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ACCORDS. ALSO MENTIONS POSSIBILITY OF PROHIBITING VISITS TO SPANISH PORTS BY BOATS PREVIOUSLY ENTERING GIBRALTAR. THESE MEASURES, REPORT CONTINUES, WOULD BE WITHIN SPIRIT OF NOTE DELIVERED IN JULY TO UN SECGEN, "TO WHICH AN EARLY REPLY IS EXPECTED." (SEE MADRID 4095.)

3. NEWSPAPER "NUEVO DIARIO" (SUBSTANTIALLY OWNED BY FONMIN LOPEZ RODO) COMMENTED THAT "COURTESY DOES NOT EXCLUDE STRENGTH, AND IT IS LOGICAL THAT WE NEGOTIATE ALSO WITH DEEDS."

4. COMMENT: ENFORCING RESTRICTIONS ON GIBALTARIAN PLEASURE CRAFT SEEMS DESIGNED INCREASE DISCOMFITURE OF ROCK'S ISOLATION. THIS IS FIRST ACTION TAKEN SINCE JULY 18 LETTER TO WALDHEIM INDICATING GOS "SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING ADDITIONAL STEPS." ALTHOUGH ONE EMBASSY SOURCE HAS INDICATED GOS HAS CAREFULLY STUDIED SERIES OF NEWS MEASURES TO APPLY PROGRESSIVELY IN ROCK QUESTION, EMBASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE OF SPANISH PREPARATIONS TO ADOPT STRINGENT MEASURES IN NEAR FUTURE.  
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